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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

SAUER ET AL.

Examiner

Jill M. Gray

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-6,9-12 and 43-47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-6,9-12 and 43-47 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on June 21, 2006 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

The rejection of claims 1-3, 11-12, 44, and 47 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by PCT Publication WO 03/008680 A1 is moot in view of applicants' amendments.

The rejection of claims 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over PCT Publication WO 03/008680 A1 in view of Bonte et al, 6,380,290 B1 is moot in view of applicants' amendments.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. Claims 1, 3-6, 9-12, and 43-47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over PCT Publication WO 03/008680 A1 (Sen) in view of PCT Publication WO 93/15251 (Gessner), for reasons of record.

Sen teaches a fiber comprising a segmented thermoplastic elastomeric polymer and an uncrosslinked olefinic thermoplastic elastomeric polymer, said olefinic thermoplastic elastomeric polymer being an ethylene copolymer such as ethylene/1-

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octane copolymer, per claims 1 and 11. In addition, Sen teaches that the copolymer is present in an amount within applicants' range as required by claim 12. See Example 2A. Also, Sen teaches that the thermoplastic elastomeric polymer can be of the type contemplated by applicants in claims 2-3, such as a poly(ether amide) or poly(ether ester). See page 7, lines 3-14. Sen also teaches the formation of fabrics and that a surfactant can be included as required by claims 44 and 47. See page 8, line 2 and page 19, line 1. Sen does not teach the specific propylene of claim 1. Gessner teaches the formation of fabrics, garments and hygiene articles (claims 44-46) comprising filaments formed from thermoplastic elastomers such as propylene based polymers of the type contemplated by applicants in claims 9-10. See page 10. In addition, Gessner teaches that his articles have improved elastic recovery properties. It would have been obvious to modify the teachings of Sen by substituting his olefinic thermoplastic elastomer with the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer taught by Gessner with the reasonable expectation of success of obtaining articles having improved elastic recovery. As to the particular type of propylene, it would have been obvious to the skilled artisan to use any propylene known in the art to have elastic recovery properties with the reasonable expectation of success and in the absence of clear evidence of superior or unexpected properties of the resultant fiber, said properties being directly related to the particular propylene.

Therefore, the combined teachings of Sen and Gessner would have rendered obvious the invention as claimed in present claims 1, 3-6, 9-12, and 43-47.

Response to Arguments

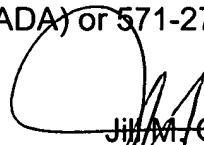
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3. Applicant's arguments filed June 21, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jill M. Gray whose telephone number is 571-272-1524. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th and alternate Fridays 10:30-7:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye can be reached on 571-272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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